

Mthunzi Mdwaba written comments on items INS 21 and POL 4

INS 21:

Consistent with the decision point d) of GB.340/POL/4(Rev.1), it needs to be clarified that the decision to have or not an “Additional sectoral meetings listed in the appendix to GB.340/POL/4”, as listed in Appendix, has not been taken yet. The decision to include a 9th meeting in the programme of sectoral work should be considered by tripartite constituents in the framework of the consultations outlined in the present document.

POL 4:

Employers support the new terminology used in Para c) as it ensures that a coherent and coordinated approach is taken by the ILO to tackle the effects of Covid-19. Thus, SECTOR’s work should be fully in line and reflect ILO’s overall strategic plan as discussed and adopted by the GB. Employers would therefore not support the development of a myriad of strategies per sectors or topics. As mentioned during the consultations on this item, Employers also request that SECTOR’s ongoing programme is brought to the attention of the Sectoral Advisory Bodies so that Constituents can make inputs to it at its next session.

Consistent with previous GB discussions, para d) reflects the fact that the GB has not yet decided whether to have or not an additional meeting in the 2020-2021 sectoral programme of work: previous discussions did not mandate an additional meeting but only required that resources be kept in reserve to allow for one additional meeting if and when required. The decision to include a 9th meeting in the programme of work should be considered by tripartite constituents during the consultations outlined in GB340/INS/21. To prepare these consultations, we request that the Office prepares a detailed document outlining how virtual and hybrid sectoral meetings can take place in practice so that constituents can take an informed decision. This paper should also include information on the consequences of postponing meetings to 2022 and the consequences for the following biennium (2022-2023).

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CONSULTATION PAR CORRESPONDANCE

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Réunions sectorielles tenues en 2020 et propositions concernant les activités sectorielles en 2021

Réunion tenue au cours du premier semestre de 2020 : Le Forum de dialogue mondial sur le travail décent dans le monde du sport, qui a eu lieu du 20 au 22 janvier 2020, a été un moment crucial pour la reconnaissance des droits du travail des athlètes. Ses conclusions permettront d'avancer l'agenda du travail décent pour ceux et celles qui consacrent une partie importante de leur vie à une carrière sportive. Nous encourageons vivement le bureau à poursuivre son travail dans ce domaine en tenant compte des points de consensus de la réunion.

Réunions à venir : Nous constatons que les restrictions de voyage ont fortement affecté la possibilité pour le BIT d'organiser la grande majorité des réunions sectorielles planifiées pour 2020-21. Compte tenu des effets dévastateurs de la pandémie de COVID-19 sur les secteurs, le groupe des travailleurs félicite cependant le Bureau d'avoir recentré ses travaux sectoriels et d'avoir développé une série d'outils en soutien aux secteurs fortement touchés par la pandémie. Nous prenons note de la proposition de tenir des consultations tripartites (GB340/INS/21), afin de réorganiser l'agenda de réunions qui ont dû être annulés, et d'en discuter le format.

Réunion supplémentaire à inscrire au programme des réunions sectorielles pour 2020-21 : Comme l'indique le paragraphe 10 du document, depuis 2015 nous discutons de la meilleure façon de promouvoir la protection des lanceurs d'alerte. Nous comprenons que dans le cadre actuel, la possibilité d'organiser une réunion supplémentaire doit être analysée avec l'organisation d'autres réunions, comme indiqué dans le document GB340/INS/21. Cependant compte tenu des débats qui ont eu lieu sur le sujet, du travail qui a déjà été entrepris par le bureau, et de la publication du rapport en 2019, nous réitérons que, comme l'a considéré le Conseil d'administration à sa 337^{ème} réunion (octobre-novembre 2019), le sujet des lanceurs d'alerte est suffisamment abouti pour être examiné par une réunion d'experts.

COVID-19 - Incidences et réponses au niveau sectoriel : Nous félicitons le bureau pour le travail réalisé pendant la pandémie pour donner des réponses sectorielles à la crise, basées sur les normes internationales du travail. Nous félicitons aussi les initiatives bipartites et les initiatives gouvernementales dans les différents secteurs, mais nous alertons aussi sur le fait que malheureusement la violation des droits n'a pas cessé pendant la crise, et que dans certains cas, la situation s'est détériorée. La continuité du travail sectorielle est donc fondamentale pour garantir que la sortie de la crise permette d'améliorer les conditions de travail, de renforcer la négociation collective et de mettre en place des mesures de santé et sécurité dans les divers lieux de travail pour protéger les droits et la santé de tous les travailleurs et travailleuses.

En relation au travail réalisé avec d'autres agences des Nations Unies, nous soulignons l'importance de cette collaboration, dans laquelle le BIT doit apporter ses 100 ans d'expertise en matière normative dans les relations de travail.

Avec ces commentaires, nous pouvons adopter les points de décision.

GB 340/POL/4 Sectoral meetings in 2020 and proposals for sectoral work in 2021

IMEC Statement

This statement is made on behalf of IMEC.

IMEC takes note of the Report on the Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the World of Sport, held in January 2020 to discuss current and emerging issues related to the promotion of decent work in the world of sport.

IMEC notes that the meeting in adopting the points for consensus agreed that sport is a key enabler for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. The working conditions of athletes vary across regions and sport disciplines, between team and individual sports, and within a wide spectrum. Policies to address decent work in sport need an innovative approach to reflect the diversity of sport. There is no one-size-fits-all. In addition, IMEC welcomes the consensus that the Office, Governments, employers' and workers' organizations, and other relevant stakeholders, each within their own responsibilities, should, through a range of actions, create an enabling environment to promote decent work in the world of sport.

With these comments, IMEC supports the decision point at 18 (a) and (b).

Taking account of the travel limitations during the COVID 19 pandemic which has led to the postponement of the programme of sectoral meetings for 2020-21, IMEC welcomes the Office proposal to hold tripartite consultations in November, following the GB, to discuss and agree upon a process to address the meeting backlog. In that context, IMEC agrees that should it still be possible to organise an additional sectoral meeting in the 2020-21 biennium which requires a lighter than usual preparatory stage. It could be on the topic of either the protection of whistle-blowers in the public service for which preparatory research has been undertaken, or another sectoral issue, and supports decision point 18 (d) as amended.

IMEC also welcomes the refocus of the Office's sectoral work to providing support to constituents' efforts to respond to the pandemic. Cognisant that its effect differs greatly from sector to sector, the Office in preparing 17 sectoral briefs has highlighted existing ILO instruments available to assist in sustaining enterprises and protecting workers. In addition, it developed important specific guidance and checklists to prevent and control COVID 19 in a range of sectors including agriculture, education, health services and shipping. IMEC also welcomes the proactive engagement and leadership shown by the ILO to address the pandemic through its partnerships with other UN agencies and across the wider multilateral system. Thus, we support the decision point 18 (c) as amended.

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European Union
Statement

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EU Statement

This statement is made on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. The Candidate Countries Montenegro* and Albania* and the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area as well as Armenia, align themselves with this statement.

We support the IMEC statement.

1. The proposed decision provides under (d) for the possible inclusion of an additional meeting in the programme of global sectoral meetings for the biennium 2020-21 on either the protection of whistle-blowers or another sectoral issue.
2. In this regard, we would like to indicate for the record, our interest in having a future sectoral meeting on the impact of COVID-19 on the tourism sector. Across the globe, the tourism ecosystem has been severely impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak. Specific support measures have been taken in the European Union for recovery in this sector, which represents on average 12% of its employment. We would consider a tripartite discussion within the ILO to be very timely on how to face the challenges posed and use this crisis as an opportunity to improve the sustainability and resilience of tourism, in particular through up-skilling and re-skilling employees.
3. The EU and its Member States see merit in the relevance of a meeting on the protection of whistle-blowers. However, should an agreement be reached for an additional meeting on another sectoral issue as provided for in the draft decision point, it is our view that a discussion on the tourism sector should be given priority. In that regard the relevant work of the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic could serve as a solid basis for its preparation.
4. Should it not be possible to include a sectoral meeting on this matter in the current biennium, the EU and Member States would wish to ensure that it is discussed at the Sectoral Advisory Meeting in January 2021, so that this important issue can be on the schedule of meetings for biennium 2022-23.

*The Republic of Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.